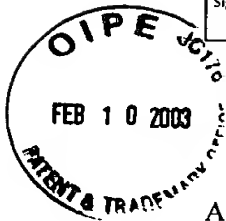


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gutwein, et al. Confirmation No. 1024

Serial No.: 09/638,704 Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: August 14, 2000 Examiner: A.J. Weier

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS UTILIZING DELAYED DILUTION, MIXING AND  
FILTRATION FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED BEVERAGES ON DEMAND

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2002 (PAPER NO. 12)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response answers the office action dated November 5, 2002 (Paper No. 12).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

55. A process of forming a customized coffee beverage from a brewer, comprising:
- brewing a coffee extract;
  - fractionating the coffee extract at some time after the brew of the coffee extract into fractionated portions;
  - mixing two or more fractionated portions of the coffee extract at a time beginning at least five minutes after the brew of the coffee extract; and
  - storing the fractionated portions of the coffee extract in the brewer for no more than forty-eight hours.
56. A process of forming a customized coffee beverage from a brewer, comprising:
- brewing a coffee extract;
  - filtering the beverage extract starting at a minimum time of about 5 minutes after the onset of brewing of the extract; and
  - storing the coffee extract in the brewer for no more than forty-eight hours.